

REMARKS

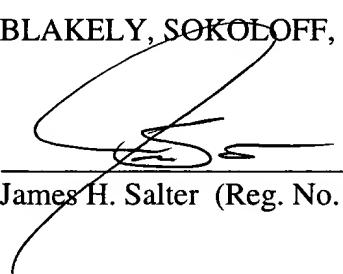
In response to the Office Action of January 26, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-20 and submitted new claims 23-40. The new claims are fully supported by the originally filed specification in the prior application and no new matter has been added hereby. Because the new claims are similar to the claims allowed in the prior applications, Applicant submits that claims 21-40 are also allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

In response to the non-statutory based double patenting rejections, Applicant herein provides terminal disclaimers related to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,884,038 and 6,205,489. As such, the currently pending claims are allowable and the outstanding rejections should be withdrawn.

Please charge any fees connected with this Amendment to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jim H. Salter at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,
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